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## CONUTY TO GIVE DEPARTING SOLDIERS ROUSING FAREWELL

DIRECTORS OF FAIR ARRANGE FOR MONSTER PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION FOR MEN LEAVING.

### STANFIELD WILL BE ORATOR

Members of Army will be Guests of Fair Managers—Vale Band Will Furnish Music—Demonstration on Wednesday or Thursday.

In order to provide a suitable farewell for the sons of Malheur County who will leave next week to join Uncle Sam's new army to fight that "the world might be safe for democracy," the directors of the County Fair have arranged for a patriotic demonstration at the fair ground next week.

The date has not been set. It will be held either on Wednesday of Thursday. The uncertainty is due to the incomplete arrangements for the soldier boys departure. Hon. R. N. Stanfield has accepted the directors' invitation to deliver the address.

The Vale band will be in Ontario to furnish the music and people from all over the county will join in the patriotic exercises. The day will be one long to be remembered.

The departing soldiers will be the honored guests, and the Montana boys who are here guarding the bridges, too, will be guests of the fair board all week.

## SECOND SECTION IS ORDERED TO REPORT

Exemption Board Directs Twenty-four of Malheur County's Quota to Assemble Wednesday.

On Wednesday the section two of Malheur county's quota for the new National Army will assemble for departure to American Lake. The local exemption board selected the following, and they are the men whom the county will honor with a patriotic demonstration at the fair grounds:

### The Service Roll.

Arritola, Dionisio, Jordan Valley, Ore.; England, George Barron, Brogan, Ore.; Lieberman, William Franklin, Westfall, Ore.; Cockrum, Lee B., Ontario, Ore.; Tureman, Charles L., Ironsides, Ore.; Beam, Thomas M., Ontario, Ore.; Duncan, Cecil Warren, Jordan Valley, Ore.; Higgins, Edward Robert, Ontario, Ore.; Parsons, Anson Harry, Brogan, Ore.; Harris, Irving Arthur, Ontario, Ore.; Schweizer, Otto Herbert, Nysa, Ore.; Woods, William Edgar, Bonita, Ore.; Godwin, William Thomas, Parma, Ida.; Jensen, Wilford Franklin, Welsor, Ida.; Remick, Taine, Crowley, Ore.; Brandon, Henry Pete, Watson, Ore.; Worthier, Bert Sewell, Vale, Ore.; Wilson, James Montjoy, Bonita, Ore.; Rust, Theodore, Riverside, Ore.; Tate, Frank Lawrence, Vale, Ore.; Rutledge, Adrian Shaffer, Bonita, Ore.; Reed, William Ephray, Westfall, Ore.; Spaulding, Jackson, Westfall, Ore.; Maggine, Charles George, Westfall, Ore.

In case of any failure on the part of the above to leave that day the following have been called to hold themselves in readiness to act as alternates, and 24 must leave from Malheur county:

Johnson, Emmett Simmons, Ontario, Ore.; Rice, Templeton, Payette, Ida.; Woodward, Otis Caleb, Westfall, Ore.; Parker, Roy, Vale, Ore.; Morton, Estis Leonard, Westfall, Ore.; Faulkner, Bernard L., Vale, Ore.

After a residence in Ontario for a number of years Mr. and Mrs. A. Jaquish will become residents of Boise. Mr. Jaquish left Ontario this week for the Idaho capital and Mrs. Jaquish and daughters will follow him in the near future.

Mrs. W. W. Lison went to Caldwell for a few days visit.

## READY TO CLEAN OUT OLD OIL WELL HOLE

Machinery Has Been Thoroughly Overhauled and put in Shape for the Work—New Cable Ordered to Start Cleaning.

Herman Eichmann, secretary of the Consolidated Oil & Gas company of Boise, which has an option on a lot of Property about Ontario and is starting operations on the old oil well of the Ontario Oil Company was in the city Friday and Saturday of last week viewing the progress made so far on the cleaning of the oil well preparatory to the cleaning of the oil well preparatory to explore for gas.

The company has already secured options on a great deal of property within a 12 mile radius of Ontario. Some of this is in large blocks while many of the options cover only small parcels of land. The options are for short periods with renewal clauses and have attached to them liberal prices on volume produced, should the material sought be found in this section.

The company has expended a considerable sum on the work done so far and has not called for the percentage of subscriptions provided in the agreement entered into with local people. Mr. Gavin, the company's expert is expected here soon to take up the work but in the mean time the plant is being put in shape for work when the data needed has been secured.

## Three Nysa Homes are Fired by an Incendiary

Nysa residents apparently are marked for trouble by a strange firebug Three homes have been set on fire in the same manner in that city during the past few weeks. The criminal used the same means in each case and had it not been for fortunate findings of the blaze in each case serious loss would have resulted.

The last of these fires occurred Saturday evening when the homes of John Lackey and C. C. Hunt, who live opposite each other were set on fire. The first was that of Dr. J. J. Sarasa who was the victim of the fire fired several weeks ago.

As in the Sarasin case, so in the Lackey and Hunt fires the incendiary soaked mattresses and bed clothing on beds located on sleeping porches with oil and set them on fire. Mrs. Lackey discovered the fire at her home and, after screaming, fainted. Her cries brought neighbors who extinguished the flames. The fire was set shortly after 10 p. m.

The Hunt fire was discovered by the family as they returned from the picture show. Their opportune arrival saved their home. Like the other this fire was set in a bed on a sleeping porch. As the result of these three fires Nysa folks are now abandoning the sleeping porch habit.

No clues have been found to indicate the author of the fires, but they have been reported to the county authorities for investigation.

## STOCK COMING FROM UNION COUNTY FOR FAIR AND SALE

Two big stockmen of Union county will be represented with herds at the Fair next week. They will also hold their cattle for the big pure-bred sale which the Ontario Auction company is to hold Friday morning.

Another herd coming from a distance is that of a stockman of the Seven Devil's country in Idaho. These with the near by herds in Idaho and Oregon will make the sale the biggest thing of its kind ever staged in this section.

## NOTED EDUCATORS LECTURE PEDAGOGS

CECIL THOMPSON YOUTHFUL AGRICULTURIST MAKES SURPRISING TALK ON VEGETABLE CULTURE.

### CITIZENS ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Girls From Ontario and Owyhee give Practical Demonstrations of Work Done in Domestic Art Department.—State Superintendent Here.

Ontario has for its guests this week 100 teachers of Malheur county, assembled for the Annual County Institute. This body of men and women is in session to discuss the most progressive means and methods of training the youth of the county. The meetings are being held at the high school auditorium. All citizens interested in this work are invited to attend the lectures.

Two of the big features of the institute appreciated most were the exhibits by the pupils of the different schools of Industrial and Domestic science work. The Ontario high girls gave a demonstration in baking; the girls from the Owyhee gave a demonstration in canning, and Cecil Thompson, state winner of the vegetable growing project, gave a surprising talk on vegetable growing, that would have done credit to one twice his years.

There are many educators of note on the program, and the teachers are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear these leaders in the school work of Oregon. County Supt. Miss Fay Clark is presiding. Among the lectures are Prof. E. D. Resler, of the Oregon Agricultural College, whose lectures were both interesting and inspiring. Dr. E. S. Conklin, of the University of Oregon, a specialist in Psychology, gave the teachers many points on mental efficiency, the lecture on "That Tired Feeling" being especially good. Prof. H. C. Seymour, of O. A. C., leader of the Boys' and Girls' industrial clubs gave a very excellent talk on the great work which is being done in that line, and which is very much needed at this time.

Supt. Churchill, organizer and leader of the school system of Oregon, gave several lectures on education. Supt. Churchill has done a wonderful work in raising the standard of our schools so that now they compare favorably with those of any state. He pleads for better equipment, higher standards of teaching, better salaries and kinder treatment for teachers in rural districts, and his words of cheer were appreciated by all. Supt. H. R. Douglass of Ontario, Prof. P. P. Brainard of Nysa, and Prof. G. A. Ruring of Vale also took part in the various programs.

Ontario showed its good will toward its guests by providing every form of accommodation and courtesy possible. The Parent-Teachers Association gave a reception at the Moore Wednesday evening and the Commercial Club will entertain with an excursion thru the valley by auto this evening, after which the evening will be enjoyed at the Dreamland in seeing "The Eyes of the World."

## ONTARIO MERCHANTS WELCOME VISITORS TO BE "AT HOME"

A cordial welcome awaits all visitors to the fair. The Merchants of Ontario want you, Mr. and Mrs. Fair Visitor, to "make yourselves at home." Checking privileges, telephone service and every convenience of the stores are at your command. Their stocks are ready for your inspection. If your needs can be filled anywhere they can be here in Ontario. You are welcome to look them over too see what they have secured for your needs. The stores will close from 12:30 to 4:30 to permit everyone to see the fair. During all other hours they are open to serve you. You are Welcome.

Mrs. Bourke who has been very ill for some time is reported slightly improved.

## HUSBAND OFF TO WAR WIFE BECOMES NURSE

WAR TIME EPISODE REVEALED WITH OPENING OF HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NEW TERM THIS WEEK.

### ENROLLMENT SHOWS GROWTH

Mrs. A. M. McKennie of Juntura Studies Care of Sick and Injured Since Her Husband Volunteered For Army Service.

Ontario is one of the scenes of a war-time drama for in the Holy Rosary hospital caring for the sick and studying for more extended duties that, if the war lasts may take her to the battle front is a woman whose husband several months ago left to join the colors.

This impressive bit of patriotism was revealed this week with the formal opening of the nurse's training school of the hospital for in the list of student nurses appeared the name of Mrs. A. M. McKennie of Juntura. Without hysteria she has given her husband to her country and is preparing for service herself. It is not beyond possibilities, that should the war last the wife will be numbered among those who will serve, "somewhere in France."

Beside Mrs. McKennie and two Sisters there are enrolled in the classes Miss Marguerite Hoffman, Oregon City; Miss Enid Griep, Fruitland; Miss Francis P. Hager, Twin Falls; Miss Pauline A. Ervington, Revelstoke, British Columbia.

This is the largest list of student nurses ever enrolled at the training school and is in keeping with the growth of the institution.

## JOHN HUNT VICTIM OF GAS ACCIDENT

Desire to Help Stranded Autoist Results in Fire Which Burns Man and Destroys Car.

John Hunt the local taxi driver is suffering from the results of his effort to play the part of the "good Samaritan" to a stranded tourist near Caldwell Sunday evening.

Mr. Hunt met the stranded car four miles this side of Caldwell and stopped when he was halted and asked for some gasoline to run the car to Caldwell. Mr. Hunt took some gas from his car, in an open can, and started around to put it into the car of the traveler and as he passed the side oil lamps of the stranger's car, the gas exploded, burning Mr. Hunt severely about the hands and face. The stranger's car, too took fire and was ruined, there being no extinguisher in either car.

Mr. Hunt despite his injuries drove toward home, but when he found that he was becoming faint, near New Plymouth he secured aid and was driven home. Medical attention was received soon after he reached the city and while the burns are painful he is recovering.

## ONTARIAN STARTS OFF AS SERGEANT IN ARMY

Mrs. W. W. Howard received word this week from her husband who was in the first of Malheur county's quota to the new army to go to American Lake. Having had years of experience drilling at O. A. C. where he rose to the rank of captain of cadets Mr. Howard was assigned to duty as First Sergeant of a company in the 361st Infantry.

At the time word was received none of the Malheur county boys had taken the required physical examination and where, therefore, not certain of their disposition. Mr. Howard described the life at American Lake as more than actively interesting there being nearly 40,000 men at the camp and more arriving every day.

## MANAGERS PROCLAIM FAIR COMPLETE FOR OPENING DAY

### ROSCOE B. TURNER IS NOW AT BATTLE FRONT

Ontario Boy With the Yale Hospital Corps Writes His Parents From Shipboard After Leaving Halifax N. S.

At last one Ontario boy is now tramping on belligerent soil, not far from the roar of the big guns on the French front. There may be others there too but definite information is lacking and reports received here can not be verified.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner received a letter this week from their son, Roscoe B. Turner which was written on shipboard and mailed at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The letter was brief and merely said they were enroute for France. The young man also said that he had written two letters a few days previous, which he surmised his parents had not received, the boys entertaining the belief that their letters telling of their departure were being held up. The guess was correct for the letters have not reached Ontario and this was the first word received in some time.

Mr. Turner, or rather Sergeant Turner, is a member of a hospital unit made up entirely of Yale University men who volunteered for service in the spring and have been in training at New Haven ever since. He is commissary sergeant and writes that he enjoys the work and hopes to merit a commission before a great length of time.

### Big Bend will be well Represented at Fair

V. V. Hickox, the Big Bend booster whose record for arranging exhibits at the State and the County fairs is unsurpassed spent several days this week in Ontario, arranging for space for the big variety of products that are coming from that section.

Just to give an idea of what the Big Benders are going to do they have arranged for an entire carload and the community that beats them this year will have to step lively. Beside sending their produce the Big Bend folks are coming too, to show their interest in the county exposition.

Mr. Hickox reports an active market in Big Bend real estate. Several half and quarter have been sold recently at figures which place the land values, with water rights in the neighborhood of \$200 per acre.

While in the city, Mr. Hickox also made arrangements for packing his big crop of apples at Boyer Bros. packing house. The apple crops, like all others in the Big Bend, he declares to be excellent.

### BE LOYAL—GET OUT AND BOOST FOR THE BIG FAIR

At the Commercial club rooms Tuesday night arrangements were made for the last big popular boost for the fair. The directors called attention to the promises made by Ontarians last spring that if they would manage the fair the business men would see that every help was given. The directors want to see that promises made good. Here is your chance to help. Auto loads, with the band will make the following trips to near by towns. On Friday evening the trip will include Fruitland and New Plymouth. On Saturday night it will be Vale and Nysa, and Monday night to Payette and Welsor. Be with the crowd. Boost the Fair, it is your duty.

E. C. Van Patten and sons, Paul and Frank have joined the summer colony at Miss Lavine Smith's boarding house, since Mrs. Van Patten left for her old home in Central Pennsylvania.

BIG BALLOON ASCENSION EVERY DAY, ACROBATIC ACTS, HUCKLEBERRY STUNTS AND FAST RACE PROGRAM.

### MANY AUTOS COMING TO SHOW

Directors Have Completed Work and are Awaiting Opening Gates—With Good Roads Resulting from Rain Expects Record Breaking Crowd.

One thing is needed to make the Eighth Annual Malheur County Fair a success. That thing is a big crowd every day.

The work of the directors is complete. They have done their part. The ranchers, the stockmen, the industrial clubs, the schools have their exhibits ready to be moved to the grounds.

### Auto Show the Feature.

In the general exhibits the feature interest of salesmen of the great joy this year will be the Auto Show. The producers has been manifested. Space has been sold in the big tent and the general agents are dusting up their prize speeders to show the people of the county the blue ribbon space-amplifiers. There will be cars of all kinds, to fit every purse, as the advertisers say. This will be really the case for there will be a host of cars from the four cylinder varieties, thru the sixes and up to the eights.

### Balloon Ascension Daily.

The Sound Amusement company, which is to furnish the carnival attractions phased from Emmett Wed-

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## IGOROTS ARE COMING WITH BIG CARNIVAL

Many New Attractions Added to the Sound Amusement Company's Offerings—Dog Eaters Big Attraction.

The midway, during the fair will be the center of big doings. With the close of the Inter-State Fair at Spokane one of the biggest drawing cards there was secured by the Sound Amusement company for the show here next week.

This card is the Igorote Village with its strange inhabitants from the Philippine Jungles. These dog eating stunted humans will be seen in their villages with weird huts. They will eat fresh canines every day of the fair. Such a feature is seldom seen in traveling carnivals for ever since the St. Louis fair these Igorotes have been featured attractions at the big expositions.

Beside these there will a myriad of attractions. Among them of course, the "jumping carry-all," the big ferris wheel; Bulger's animal circus fresh from Spokane where it played for big crowds; the "49 show will be here with its picture of pioneer days. Then there will be, "Paris after Midnight," a pantomime presentation of world's masterpieces posed in real life by draped figures. This has been a big attraction where ever it was shown.

In the concessions to amuse the pleasure seekers who likes to try his luck be the Game of "Archery" showing how our ancestors fought; the Indian Game with its lure; the Jewellery store, the knife racks, of course there will the popular Teddy Bears and Big Baby dolls, and that great "Race Track Game" where you can pick up penny and back you judgment on his ability. The duck pond offers variety and excitement in the effort to capture a squawk. These are but a part. See that page add of the attractions it will tell you how you can be entertained from the Cook House with its chili to "Swat the Kaiser," a popular game these days, and Cleo the snake girl, and Tiny, the smallest horse alive. The will all be here next week on the Midway.